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Reply to Attn of:

Office of Protective Services

TO: All NASA Personnel Eligible for Access to Classified Information or to Hold a Sensitive Position

FROM: Assistant Administrator for Protective Services

SUBJECT: Continuous Evaluation

REF: (a) Security Executive Agent Directive-6 (SEAD-6), Continuous Evaluation
(b) NASA Procedural Requirements 1600.3, Personnel Security

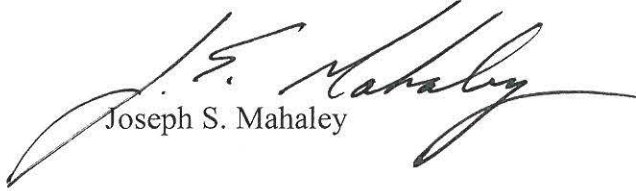
Continuous Evaluation (CE) is part of the overarching federal security clearance reform effort to modernize personnel security processes and increase the timeliness of information reviewed between periodic reinvestigation cycles. It is a critical component of a government-wide initiative that represents a major step forward in maintaining a trusted workforce.

Established by the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), and implemented by Reference (a), CE supplements and enhances, but does not replace, established personnel security processes. Utilizing technology by leveraging automated records checks of commercial databases, U.S. Government databases, and other information lawfully available to security officials (i.e., credit bureaus and public records) to assist in the ongoing review of an individual's eligibility for access to classified information or to hold a sensitive position. This allows security professionals to assess cleared individuals' eligibility for access to classified information between existing periodic reinvestigation cycles. Over time, CE will not only improve the timeliness of clearance adjudications but will also enhance security from insider threats.

Implementation of CE does not alter your existing rights or responsibilities, and it incorporates the exact same protections for privacy and civil liberties that apply to personnel security investigations. Security professionals will continue to evaluate clearance eligibility under existing national security standards. For most of you, the CE process will not be noticeable, but depending on what financial information security services you use, you might periodically receive notifications of record queries. If you do receive such notices, you should know that CE credit checks are categorized as employment "soft inquiries" which do not affect an individual's credit score.

Reference (b), NASA's Personnel Security Program, details the responsibilities and procedural requirements for investigations, security clearance determinations, CE, contractor fitness, adjudications, and appeals of NASA federal and contractor employees. For additional information, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) has assembled their responses to the CE Program's "Top 15 Frequently Asked Questions". This can be found at the following hyperlink: [Continuous Evaluation FAQ's](#)

All of us play a critical role in protecting our Nation's classified information. Thank you for your continuing cooperation and assistance.



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